

RESERVE NOTES

Monthly Newsletter

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BOARD ELECTIONS

On December 19, one ballot was sent electronically to each commercial business member's email that receives the renewal notice (winery and vineyard) of the Texas Wine and Grape Growers Association in good standing as of December 15. That ballot will be only available for one use. For information and to view candidate biographies click our [website here](#).



INDUSTRY EVENTS

28th Annual Gulf Coast Grape Grower field Cat Spring, TX

Sonoma wine tasting experience coming to Dallas, TX

2019 Texas Wine Grape Variety Report [Click Here](#).



2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 44th Annual Conference and Trade Show of The Texas Wine and Grape Growers Association will take place February 20-22, 2020 at the Irving Convention Center in Irving, Texas. Introducing New Educational Programming!
[To Register Click Here.](#)

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TWGGA MISSION

The mission of the Texas Wine and Grape Growers Association is to promote the appreciation of premium grapes and fine wines from Texas, and to represent a unified industry with common marketing, governmental and educational goals.



44TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW

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EXPERIENCE THE TEXAS WINE JOURNEY



FEBRUARY 20-22, IRVING, TEXAS

MEMBERS! YOU HAVE SPOKEN AND WE HAVE LISTENED!

Introducing *New!* Stacked Educational Programming for 2020 now to include continuing education for both seasoned and emerging industry attendees.

Programming geared for seasoned and emerging growers and winemakers

Thursday & Friday (Feb. 20 & 21)

Break Out Educational Sessions geared toward seasoned growers and winemakers with focused tracks on: Vineyards, Winemaking, Sales and Social Media.

Saturday (Feb. 22) Break Out Education Sessions geared toward emerging growers and winemakers with focused tracks on: Emerging Vineyards, Start Up Wineries, and Beginning Business Operations.

5 Exclusive Dining Events with Featured Wine Tastings

- Awards Luncheon
- Trade Show Buffet Luncheon
- Reception & Gala Dinner moved to Friday Night in Exhibit Hall with fun activities and more networking!
- Food & Wine Pairing Luncheon
- Elite Consumer Wine Tasting Event

Featuring Daily Special Texas vs. Oregon Tastings with purchased education programming at NO Charge.

[Click Here to Register and For Full Agenda & Programming](#)

28TH ANNUAL GULF COAST GRAPE GROWER FIELD CAT SPRING, TX



Cat Spring Agricultural Society Hall
13035 Hall Road, Cat Spring, TX 78933
Friday, Feb. 7, 2020
8:15 - 4:00 PM

Followed by BYOB Wine Social
Registration begins at 8am.
\$25 for Gulf Coast Winegrower Association members
\$35 for non-members

New Grower Session, limited seating
For Full Agenda or to RSVP contact:
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NEW PD-RESISTANT WINE GRAPE VARIETIES NAMED AND RELEASED

UCD viticulture professor and grape breeder Dr. Andy Walker developed the five PD-resistant wine grape varieties with research funding from the CDFA PD/GWSS Board.

Photo & Article by Ted Rieger: Originally published on December 3, 2019/Wine Business.com

The University of California, Davis (UCD) Office of Research's Innovation Access unit recently informed the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) of the official release of five new Pierce's Disease (PD) resistant grapevine varieties developed in the breeding program of UCD viticulture professor and grape breeder Dr. Andy Walker. The five releases include three red wine grape selections and two white wine grape selections that have repeatedly shown strong resistance to PD in greenhouse and field trials, and have shown high fruit quality and high wine quality across several vintages and in wine tastings. These five selections are the results of a multi-year research and breeding project largely funded through the CDFA Pierce's Disease and Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter (GWSS) Board.

Patent and Licensing Activity

Plant patent applications were filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 5, 2019 for each of the five varieties and the name given to each variety by Walker. Once UCD receives the official notice of filing, the university will begin to market and license the grapevines. UCD Research Innovation Access provides services that connect university research to the marketplace and is focused on protecting and commercializing intellectual property and fostering entrepreneurship. UCD informed CDFA of its plans to protect and license the five new PD-resistant varieties.

For full article [Click Here!](#)

Applications for the Professional Certificate in Wine Business offered by the Texas Wine Marketing Research Institute at Texas Tech University are now OPEN. The program is designed for non-traditional students seeking to develop job skills, advance their careers, or make a career change.

The online certificate program in Wine Business focuses on key areas in the wine industry including:

- Wine Industry finance, accounting, and management
- Wine commerce and trade
- Wine sales and marketing
- eCommerce
- Regulatory issues



Continuing Education Credits available upon completion of certain coursework. Courses begin March 2, 2019. For more Information [Click Here!](#)

FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW & RODEO / BRIT TEXAS SUSTAINABLE WINEGROWING COMPETITION WINNERS!

The Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo and Botanical Research Institute of Texas announced the winners from the 2020 FWSSR / BRIT™ Texas Sustainable Winegrowing Competition. Top honors were awarded to Bending Branch Winery in Comfort, Texas, in combination with Tallent Vineyards of Mason, Texas. Nice Winery in Houston, Texas won the Grand Reserve Champion award in combination with Alta Mira Vineyards of Anderson, Texas.

The top winning wineries were awarded for their sustainable practices in the vineyard and other areas of operation in addition to the wines they submitted to a blind tasting.

- **Bending Branch Tannat Rosé, Texas Hill Country 2018**
- **Nice Winery Texas Blanc, Alta Mira Vineyard 2018**

The inaugural wine competition of the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo established a unique approach to a Texas wine competition by recognizing both the winery/winemaker and grape grower. Working with BRIT, wineries entered the competition by submitting written applications highlighting their sustainable practices, alongside their Texas wines for evaluation.

Texas wines submitted by applicants were judged by a panel of experienced wine professionals. The entries represented 12 different grape varieties plus wines blended from multiple grapes. The wide range of grape varieties demonstrates the diversity of Texas vineyards.

The 2020 FWSSR / BRIT™ Texas Sustainable Winegrowing Competition winners included:

- Grand Champion – Bending Branch Winery / Tallent Vineyards
- Reserve Grand Champion – Nice Winery / Alta Mira Vineyards
- Gold Medal – Lost Draw Cellars / Moonlight Vineyards, Roussanne 2018
- Gold Medal – Kiepersol Winery/Estate Vineyards, Texas Syrah 2015
- Silver Medal – Bingham Family Vineyards/Estate Vineyards, Dugout 2017
- Bronze Medal – Chateau Wright/Estate Vineyards, Heraldic Red 2017
- Bronze Medal – Bull Lion Ranch & Vineyard/Estate Vineyards, Montepulciano 2015

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